DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Annual Determination of Staffing Shortages

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs

**ACTION: Notice** 

SUMMARY: Section 7412 of title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.) requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Inspector General (IG) to determine and report on the five occupations of personnel of title 38 of the Department covered under 38 U.S.C. 7401 for which there are the largest staffing shortages throughout the Department as calculated over the 5-year period preceding the determination. The Secretary is required to publish these findings in the Federal Register. Based on its review, the IG identified the following five occupations as having the largest staffing shortages in the identified time period: Medical Officer, Nurse, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapist, and Psychologist. Additional information and analysis can be found at: www.va.gov/OIG.

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Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and

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